

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have dedicated their time and energy to meeting the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Nelson “Fuzzy” Thompson has been a minister with the United Methodist Church since 1968 and pastor of Mason Memorial United Methodist Church since 1991; and

Whereas, on Sunday, June 5, 2005, Nelson Thompson will deliver his last sermon at Mason Memorial United Methodist Church as he brings his pulpit ministry to a close in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, a former general science, biology, and physical education teacher at his alma mater, Central High School, Nelson Thompson prepared for his endeavors in life by earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Lincoln University and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Saint Paul School of Theology; and

Whereas, Nelson Thompson has been a proactive, involved member of the greater Kansas City community as host of the “Community Solutions” radio program at noon on Saturdays on Gospel 1590 KPRT, co-convenor of the Black Agenda Group, and former chairman of the Jackson County Sports Authority; and

Whereas, Nelson Thompson has brought glory and honor to himself and to this great state as a 2003 member of the Project Interchange seminar in Israel, one of seventeen United States ministers and activists who served as official observers in 1994 for the first all-race election ever held in South Africa, and one of three United States ministers to conduct 1980 Easter services for embassy hostages in Tehran, Iran:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spiritual leadership embodied in the life and work of Nelson Thompson at Mason Memorial United Methodist Church and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Reverend Dr. Nelson “Fuzzy” Thompson of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Melba J. Curls
District No. 41

Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV
District No. 42

Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks

District No. 37

Representative Michael R. Brown
District No. 50

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker